

# TMCC Trendsetters

The Nevada Department of Education approved funding for **TMCC's adult basic education program**. ABE received \$136,675, a 21-percent increase. The program's success was based on actual student outcomes, goal attainment and completion rates.

**Sean French**, Northern Nevada president, Wells Fargo Community Banking; **Gregory Lewis**, operations manager, Masterfoods USA, Inc.; and **Patricia Snyder**, president, Wade Development Company have been appointed to the TMCC Foundation Board of Trustees by the UCCSN Board of Regents.

**Denise Abbey** and **Carmen Hirsch**, alumni of the TMCC Re-Entry Program, have been selected to receive the Women of Triumph Award at the Women Work! National Convention in Washington, D.C., in February. Only 25 women were chosen nationally for the award in honor of the 25th anniversary of Women Work! The National Network of Women's Employment.

**Philip Ringle**, president, and **Anne-Louise Bennett**, executive director, institutional advancement, presented a paper, "From Supplicant to Broker in Institutional Advancement," in November at the annual conference of the Council on Resource Development in Washington, D.C., attended by over 500 community college fundraising professionals.

**Mona Concha-Buckheart**, director of financial aid, was presented a Distinguished Service Award by the Nevada Association of Financial Aid Administrators. The award is presented to an NAFAA member in recognition of dedication to the organization.

**Paul Davis**, political science professor, has been appointed by the Washoe County Commission to serve on the five-member Library Board of Trustees and will serve through June 30, 2006.

**Paul Marsala**, director, ABE/ESL program, and Sandy Lokken, administrative assistant, ABE/ESL program, were featured in the November 2003 issue of Nevada Connections for their work with TMCC's literacy and ESL programs.

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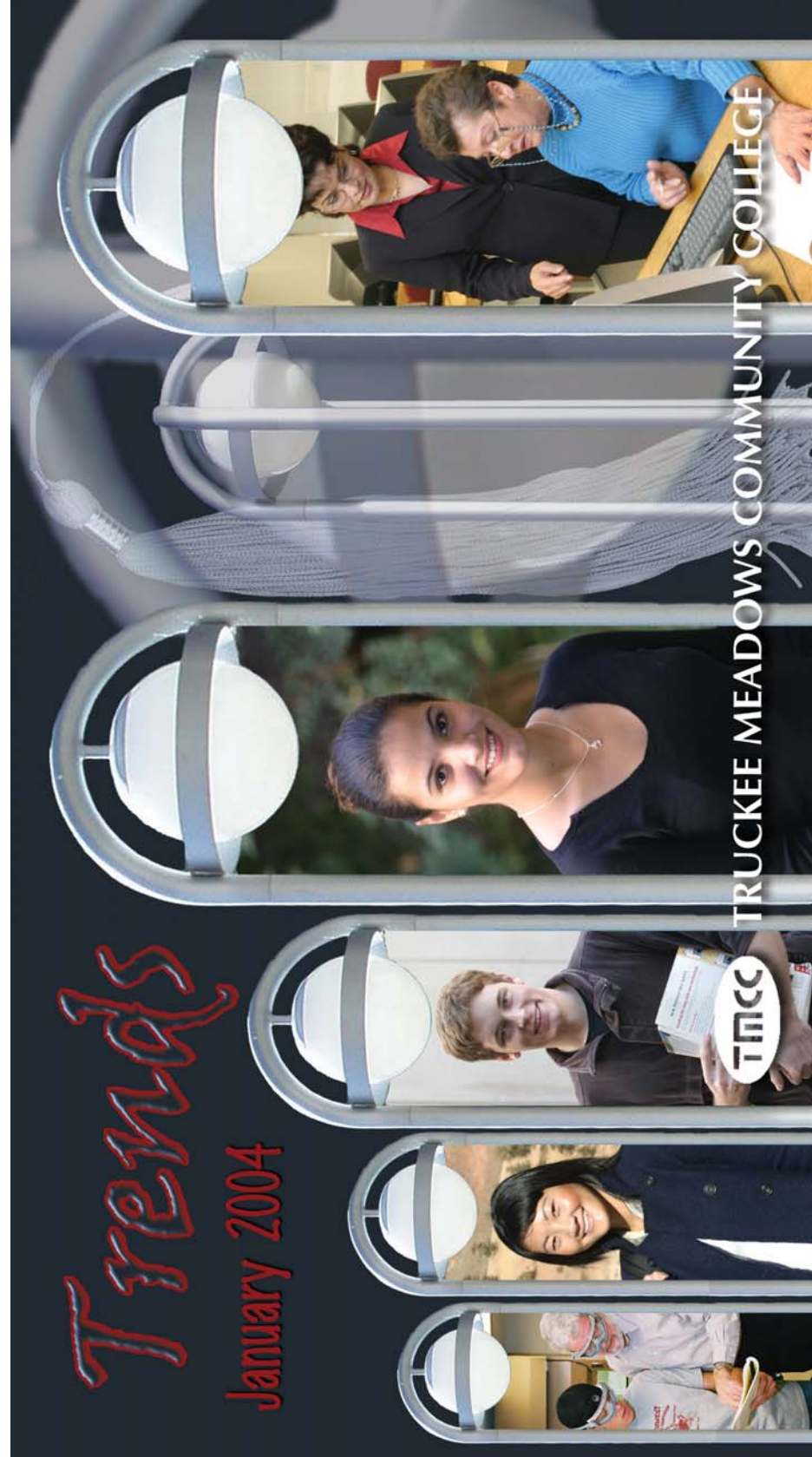
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## TMCC Wish List

- **Two Gateway 450XL notebook computers for faculty checkout**  
\$4,500
- **Lego robotics kits for physical science**  
\$3,342
- **Slide scanner, Nikon Coolscan, 35mm scanner for media services**  
\$1,179
- **Portable smart classroom for graphic arts**  
\$6,980
- **Four microscopes for biology**  
\$7,200
- **LogicPro simulator for industrial maintenance technology**  
\$960
- **DVD player and speaker system for humanities**  
\$300

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at 775-674-7648  
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to donate items or funds.

# TMCC EMS Student Saves Friend's Life

Micah Horton, 18, finished his last day at Carson City High School in June 2003 and started a six-week summer class in emergency medical services at Truckee Meadows Community College. He knew he needed this class to become a firefighter. Two weeks after completing the class, Horton used his newly learned skills to save a friend's life.

An accident occurred at a barbecue in early July after Horton and a group of friends began jumping off a trampoline into a swimming pool.

"I had gone off the trampoline once, when I decided this was not a safe thing to do, because the trampoline was wet and slippery," Horton explains. "I started to get out of the pool, but when my friend went off the trampoline, he slipped and dove into the shallow end of the pool head first. I started toward him. He was floating face down."

Horton automatically followed his recent training, stabilizing the neck and assigning two other friends to "log roll" the injured friend onto his back in the water.

"My neck's broken" were his first words," Horton remembers. To clarify, Horton asked "Can you feel your fingers and toes?" The answer was no.

"I knew he was right," Horton says. "Where my fingers were on his spine, I could feel that something was wrong, but I always felt that everything would be OK. I never thought it would be as bad as the others did."



**TMCC student Micah Horton practices stabilizing a mannequin in the college's lab.**



**Micah Horton saved a friend's life using skills he learned in class at TMCC.**

"If I hadn't taken that class, I probably wouldn't have executed the moves as well and things might not have gone so smoothly," he said.

When paramedics arrived, Horton stayed in the water, placed his friend on a backboard and secured his head and neck to keep him from moving. Paramedics decided to careflight the patient to Washoe Medical Center where he spent approximately two weeks, undergoing three surgeries.

Horton admits the worst thing for him after the accident was seeing his friend's parents. "His mom hugged me and said, 'You saved his life,' but I didn't feel like a hero," he said.

Although the friend completely shattered vertebrae C4 and C5, today he is walking and returning to his normal activities. His only reminder of the accident is a bit of numbness in his right hand.

"The doctors told us, had his back not been stabilized, the unprotected spinal cord could have severed and he would have died," Horton explains.

"I always thought it sounded cool to be a firefighter. But I never thought I would use the skills on my own family or friends," Horton said. "That made me want to do my best—to strive to be absolutely the best. I was not always a good student in high school, but I really want to thank everyone at TMCC. I had great instructors."

"Teachers really do change people's lives," Horton says gratefully.

For information about emergency medical services courses at TMCC, please contact the Starting Point at 775-673-7111 or visit TMCC on the Web at [www.tmcc.edu](http://www.tmcc.edu).

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